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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

ELLEN O. IWODIBIA, LPN
a/k/a ELLEN O. EJIMKONYE, LPN
License # 26NP06885600

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
OF VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Ellen O. Iwudibia, previously known as Ellen O. Ejimkonye ("Respondent"), a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on June 6, 2014 by members of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4 (Endangering Welfare of Children); N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(b)(3)

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(Aggravated Assault); and N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 (Child Abuse). It is alleged that Respondent, while working as a Licensed Practical Nurse providing in-home care for a medically fragile toddler, scalded the child's lower extremities, and dressed the child without obtaining medical assistance. The mother arrived home and called 911.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and also engaged in gross negligence, gross malpractice, or gross incompetence which damaged or endangered the life, health, welfare, or safety of a person pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and which provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS I DAY OF JULY, 2014, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

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- 1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to be deemed a temporary suspension to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward all nursing licenses under either name, both wallet and wall versions, to Lisa N. Brown, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.
- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.
- 3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.
- 4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.
 - 5. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating

further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. Respondent shall appear before the Board prior to any reinstatement and the Board may impose discipline at the time of Respondent's petition for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BV:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Ellen O. Iwudibia, LPN License # 26NP06885600

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Order.

Norman Chidiac, Esq

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